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Subject: Reclamation Plan, Uintah County Road Department, Asphalt Ridge Mine, M0470022, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On April 19, 2007, you and Tammy Ferguson met with Paul Baker and Daron Haddock from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to discuss reclamation requirements for Uintah County's portion of the Asphalt Ridge Mine. As discussed at that time, the Division researched requirements of the mining and reclamation plan and also tried to determine why Crown Asphalt Ridge planned to reclaim part of the County's site.

As discussed in the attached inspection report, we have been unable to find record of any agreement between the County and Crown or its successor, Wembco, where either Crown or Wembco would be required to reclaim the County's portion of the mine site. It is possible, however, the County may have reached an agreement with one of these entities and that the Division is not aware of this agreement.

The County's reclamation plan was developed before the processing plant was built, and the Division has found it difficult to determine exactly what grading or other work was to be done. It is possible another person who better understands the history of the site, such as Paul Felch or Kim McDonald, might be able to better understand and explain the intent of the plan.

Because conditions at the site have changed since the reclamation plan was developed, the Division has determined that a modification to the grading plan is required. If you are able to obtain background information about the existing plan, the modification may be fairly easy and simply involve more detailed explanations of how grading is to be performed under the existing plan. Otherwise, it may be necessary to completely re-work the grading plan.



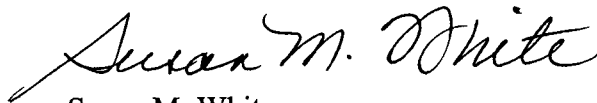
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Included with this letter is a copy of the reclamation plan requirements and reclamation standards from the R647 rules. Reclamation must meet these standards unless the Division approves a variance which must be adequately justified.

By October 1, 2007, please submit a schedule for development and submittal of the reclamation plan. Division representatives will be glad to meet with you and discuss regulatory requirements.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact me at 801-538-5261. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. White".

Susan M. White
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Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: Inspection report with a copy of the grading plan, letter from Russell Hinds, Rules R647-4-110 & R647-4-111
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